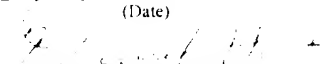


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Please add the following paragraph and heading, immediately following the title, as follows:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application claims priority to European Application Serial Number 00870055.1 filed on March 24, 2000, and European Application Serial Number 00870204.5 filed on September 15, 2000, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention is in the field of diagnosis and is related to a method and kit comprising reagents and agents for the identification (detection and/or quantification) of